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President:	Mr. Monteiro	(Portugal)
Members:	Bahrain	Mr. Buallay
	Brazil	Mr. Amorim
	China	Mr. Shen Guofang
	Costa Rica	Mr. Sáenz Biolley
	France	Mr. Dejammet
	Gabon	Mr. Moungara-Moussotsi
	Gambia	Mr. Jagne
	Japan	Mr. Konishi
	Kenya	Mr. Mahugu
	Russian Federation	Mr. Fedotov
	Slovenia	Mr. Zbogar
	Sweden	Mr. Thöresson
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Grainger
	United States of America	Ms. Soderberg

Agenda

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

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The meeting was called to order at 12.40 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received letters from the representatives of Eritrea and Ethiopia, in which they request to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite those representatives to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Menkerios (Eritrea) and Mr. Mohammed (Ethiopia) took seats at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them document S/1998/572, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

I should like to draw the attention of the members of the Council to the following other documents: letters from Eritrea, contained in documents S/1998/459, S/1998/478, S/1998/482, S/1998/483, S/1998/492, S/1998/499, S/1998/505, S/1998/508, S/1998/536, S/1998/541 and S/1998/556; letters from Ethiopia, contained in documents S/1998/467, S/1998/471, S/1998/490, S/1998/493, S/1998/521, S/1998/551, S/1998/552 and S/1998/565; letters from Zimbabwe, contained in documents S/1998/465 and S/1998/485; letters from Kenya, contained in documents S/1998/480 and S/1998/494; letter from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, contained in document S/1998/495; letter from Rwanda and the United States of America, contained in document S/1998/496; and letter from Burkina Faso, contained in document S/1998/555.

It is my understanding that the Security Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1998/572) before it. If I hear no objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Bahrain, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, France, Gabon, Gambia, Japan, Kenya, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1177 (1998).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 12.45 p.m.